[Mr. V. J. Oommen.]

(*b*) the date on which the bridge at Chunkam (northern side) was dismantled;

(*c*) the date on which the estimate for the reconstruction of a fresh bridge at this place was sanctioned;

(*d*) how far the above work has progressed;

(*e*) the cause of the delay;

(*f*) the date on which the Kothuval Chavady bridge was closed for traffic;

(*g*) whether any repairs have been made to the same after closing;

(*h*) whether the Public Works Department proposes to construct a new bridge at this place; and

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, how long will it take to construct it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six bridges situated at distances varying from 2 to 3 furlongs.

(*b*) 11th February 1929.

(*c*) 18th February 1928.

(*d*) Most of the iron materials indented for have been received.

(*e*) Some alterations in the sanctioned design were found necessary.

(*f*) The Kothuval Chavady bridge was closed for wheeled traffic in January 1929.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) An estimate is under preparation. The work will take about a year after the estimate is sanctioned and funds are allotted.

Opening of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla.

102. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received memorials from the people of the Tiruvalla taluk praying for the opening of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla; and

(*b*) the nature of the action taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

The Law's Delays.

103. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer to the question re redistribution of the territorial jurisdiction of courts, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 25th April 1929, will the Government be pleased to expedite the appointment of a Judge as suggested by the High Court to enquire into Law's Delays in view of the great loss and inconvenience caused to the litigants by the delay in the disposal of cases?

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